

**AGENDA ITEM:** State Legislation**State Legislative Report**

With the start of the new legislative session Assemblyman Carl Washington reintroduced AB49 (Title). This bill is almost identical to member Washington's AB2486 bill in support of youth development and resource programs through tutoring, mentoring, and other informational services, with the exception that reporting dates have been adjusted to reflect the current legislative cycle. The Board sponsored AB2486 during the last legislative session. Therefore it is not necessary to re-state the Board's support for AB49. Text of AB49 is attached as Exhibit A.

A summary of legislation from the previous session is attached as Exhibit B.

**Legislative Committee Strategy***Short-term legislative objectives*

The Legislative Committee has adopted four short-term legislative objectives for the upcoming year:

1. Fact sheet/FAQ's - Staff has developed a document "*Library of California Fact Sheet*" and a Frequently Asked Questions document. These documents describe the most current activities of the Library of California program, the benefits to the library community and to library users, long-term goals, and current needs. The fact sheet and FAQ's will be updated frequently, included in information packets for legislative visits, and distributed to Board members and the library community as needed. Samples are included as part of Exhibit
2. Board member / legislative linkages – A survey of Board member legislative contacts was conducted during the months of December/January. A summary chart is included (Exhibit C).
3. Board members legislative contacts – By February 28 each Board member is asked to contact one or more legislators to establish an ongoing relationship between the Board member and that legislator where such an ongoing relationship would be likely to benefit the Library of California. A draft educational packet has been developed (Exhibit D) and will be available to Board members upon request. Where possible the packet will be tailored to the particular Regional Library Network(s) that overlaps each legislator's district. A list of legislative districts within each Regional Library Network is attached as Exhibit E.

4. Letters to incoming legislators – Letters from the Board President to incoming or returning legislators were prepared by staff, signed by the President, and mailed the week of January 22, 2001 (Exhibit F). Each letter was customized so the legislator will be aware of the regional library network(s) that serves their legislative district and the programs and activities that have been funded within that region.

Relevant Committee: Legislation  
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